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• **Legislative Update**

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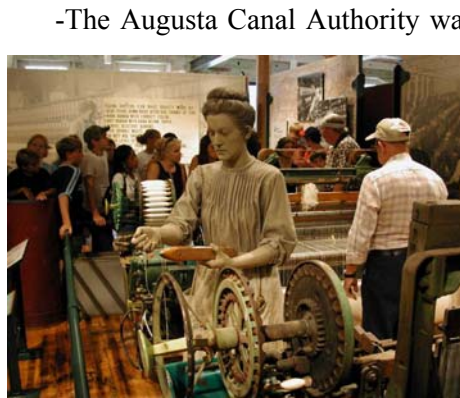
-Introduced April 25, H.R.5195 (Wolf: VA-10) To establish the **Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area**, and for other purposes; and S.2645 (Allen-VA) A bill to establish the **Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area**, and for other purposes.

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-On March 29, H.R. 413 (Jim Ryun, R-KS), to establish the **Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area** in Kansas and Missouri. The bill was amended to include counties in western Missouri in the heritage area.

-For list of legislation currently introduced in the 109th Congress, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/LEG/introbills109.pdf>

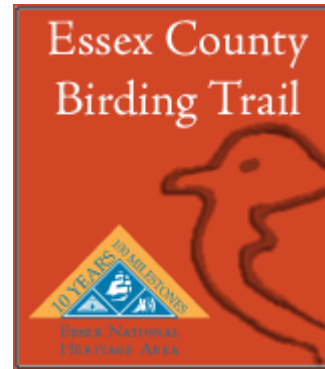
• **This Month in the Heritage Areas**



-The Augusta Canal Authority was named Affiliate Chapter of the Year by the Georgia Historical Society at the Society's annual meeting in Savannah on March 30. Citing the Canal Authority's more than decade-long record of excellence in preserving, restoring and interpreting the legacy of the Augusta Canal, the Society added the 2006 Roger K. Warlick Local History Achievement Award to two previous citations: The 2002 Lilla M. Hawes award for best book on local history for Edward Cashin's *"The Brightest Arm of the Savannah: Augusta Canal 1845 – 2000"* and The 2004 Roger K. Warlick Award for Best Exhibit for the Augusta Canal Interpretive Center at Enterprise Mill. For more information on the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, visit <http://www.augustacanal.com/>

-To encourage residents and visitors to learn more about one of the region's most valuable resources, the Essex National Heritage Commission (ENHC) has created the **Essex County Birding Trail**, an on-line resource containing detailed information on approximately 35 of the finest birding locations across the region. Created for the beginning birdwatcher as well as the experienced "twitcher", the Essex County Birding Trail includes sites that are

owned or managed by municipal, state, federal and conservation organizations. Listings for each site include the bird species which may be found there, a description of the habitat, suggestions for the best viewing areas, and other important information to help users make the most of their visit. "The interest in birding in the region seems to be growing exponentially," explained Annie Harris, ENHC Executive Director. "But many people don't realize that there are so many sites across the region offering such diversity of species and habitat. The bird trail is another way we are encouraging people to get out and explore the wonderful resources of the region." To learn more, visit <http://www.essexheritage.org/birding/index.shtml>



-Through the **Passport to Your National Parks Program**, Eastern National, a NPS partner, provides cancellation stamps to participating national parks and areas affiliated with the NPS. Visitors to these sites collect the stamps in a special passport booklet (shown at left). 15 national heritage areas now participate in the Passport program, providing cancellation stamps in a total of 69 locations. Participation in the program is free for national heritage areas and for stamp enthusiasts. Stamps, such as those provided by Silos & Smokestacks and shown at right, identify the name of the national heritage area at the top and the stamping location site at the bottom. In Silos & Smokestacks, visitors can collect 16 unique stamps throughout the heritage area. A new webpage lists stamping locations at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/INFO/passport.htm>



-A new **Schuylkill River Heritage Area Gateway Center** has been installed at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. The kiosk includes two illustrative wall maps of the heritage area and National Historic Site. An adjacent podium displays, at the push of a button, a three-minute video highlighting sites and attractions, and a nearby rack holds brochures on tourist opportunities in the area. The center relates the region's economic, cultural, historic, recreational, and environmental significance, and identifies recreational and historic sites open to the public including Horseshoe Trail, the Schuylkill River Trail and 28 furnaces, forges and mines that once dotted the landscape, many of which can still be visited today. A video provides an overview of the communities that lie adjacent to the heritage area. The new Gateway Center is the seventh such information booth in the heritage area; over the next several years, about 25 additional Gateway Centers will be installed. For more information, visit <http://www.schuylkillriver.org>

● Rebuilding After Hurricane Katrina

-The **7th Annual Coastal Development Strategies Conference** will be held May 02, 2006 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) project and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, this conference will provide decision makers of Southern Mississippi with successful smart growth and development tools, strategies, ideas and experiences from cities and leaders around the nation. Guest speakers will include keynote speaker Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor, City of Charleston; Rickey Mathews, Publisher, The Sun Herald; John Cosgrove, Alliance of National Heritage Areas; Vernon Asper, PhD, University of Southern Mississippi; Bruce Beckham, Tourism Cares for Tomorrow; and Brenda Barrett, National Coordinator of Heritage Areas at the National Park Service. Sponsors include Grand Bay

National Estuarine Research Reserve, Mississippi Power, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Coastal Preserves Program, Gulf Hills Conference & Convention Center and DuPont. Because of the impacts of the hurricane on the region, this year's registration is free. Download registration forms at <http://www.dmr.state.ms.us> or call 228-374-5022 to receive a form via fax or e-mail.

● News from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas

-The **Alliance of National Heritage Areas** held their spring Board of Directors meeting April 25-28, 2006 in the **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor**. Hosts had planned an all-day tour of the southern end of the heritage area, which included stops at Magnolia Plantation, Fort Sumter, Charleston Tea Plantation, and Irvin-House Vineyards. Alphonso Brown, proprietor of Gullah Tours (<http://www.gullahtours.com>) provided an engaging, soulful tour of Charleston highlighting sites and stories related to Charleston's rich Gullah history. The business meeting included an inaugural workshop for heritage area staff that focused on heritage tourism development. For more information on the Alliance, visit <http://www.nationalheritageareas.org>

● Grants and Awards Opportunities

-Applications are now being accepted for the second round of **Preserve America Grants**. Applications must be received by **May 19**. Nine of the 45 projects awarded in the first round of awards lie within national heritage areas. In fact, 56 of the over 450 designated Preserve America communities lie within national heritage areas. Read the application materials carefully—while certain restrictions apply for Preserve America communities that lie within national heritage areas, these communities may still be eligible. For more information, visit <http://www.preserveamerica.gov>

● Conferences and Events

-***Sustain America--Vision, Economics, and Preservation*** is the theme of **National Preservation Month 2006**. The National Trust is highlighting different areas of preservation related to this theme throughout the month of May with various activities and events including educational activities at National Trust Historic Sites, special events, and select vacation packages offered through the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America.

Thousands of state and local community groups use National Preservation Month to showcase America's diverse and unique heritage. Local organizations will host activities throughout the month that bring historic preservation to the forefront of Americans' daily lives by emphasizing the vital importance of protecting our nation's past.

Visit the National Trust's Preservation Month website to read the Sample National Preservation Month Proclamation and to learn how to use it to promote preservation locally. Resources to organize a National Preservation Month event, a directory of local preservation organizations and Main Street Communities, and other ideas for how to become involved are also available at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/preservationmonth/index.asp>

-**See America Week/ National Tourism Week** is May 13-21, 2006. This annual event, sponsored by Travel Industry of America, encourages hundreds of cities and towns across the nation to promote greater public awareness of the powerful economic, social, and cultural impacts of travel and tourism through local events and celebrations. The *See America Toolkit*, at http://www.tia.org/marketing/communications_tools.html lists events ideas, tips on working with the media, sample letters to the editor, tourism research and more.

● Publications and Resources

-An executive summary of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor's recent evaluation of its progress and future management options is now available. Titled *Connecting Stories, Landscapes and People: Exploring the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Partnership*, the summary outlines the heritage area's accomplishments and leveraging, strengths and challenges, critical ingredients for sustaining their efforts, and options and opportunities for future management. The full report of the heritage area study, which was funded by the Delaware & Lehigh and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will be available in May 2006 and posted online as a PDF.



-The *International Journal of Cultural Property*, published by Cambridge University Press, is now accepting submissions on the broad spectrum of views surrounding cultural property, cultural heritage, and related issues. The journal provides a vital, international, and multidisciplinary forum for developing new ways of dealing with cultural property debates and aims to be a venue for the sharing of pragmatic policy suggestions to a wide audience of professionals, academics, and lay readers. Original research papers, case notes, documents of record, chronicles, conference reports, and book reviews on a range of topics are encouraged from the wide variety of fields — law, anthropology, public policy, archaeology, art history, preservation, ethics, economics, museum-, tourism-, and heritage studies — and from a variety of perspectives and interests — indigenous, Western, and non-Western; academic, professional and amateur; consumers and producers — to promote meaningful discussion of the complexities, competing values, and other concerns within which cultural property and heritage disputes exist. Manuscripts may be submitted by email to the Editor at culturalproperty@cambridge.org. Tables of Contents and articles are available via Cambridge Journals Online (CJO) at <http://journals.cambridge.org>

● Other news

-Three national heritage areas were selected from a pool of more than 100 nominations to be recognized at this year's Northeast Region Superintendent's Conference for their exemplary work to address the *NPS Legacy Goals*. The Legacy Goals consist of five objectives that provide a framework for NPS to meet its mission in the 21st century. These goals are: Management Excellence, Sustainability, Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, and 21st Century Relevancy.



Essex National Heritage Area's Trails and Sails: A Weekend of Walks and Water

annual event was recognized for contributing to the NPS goal of 21st Relevancy; *Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor's Corridor Market Towns Initiative* was recognized for contributing to the NPS goal of achieving Sustainability; and the *Shenandoah Battlefields National Historic District's collaborative Battlefield Preservation Planning* was recognized for its contribution to the NPS goal of achieving Conservation. Short videos were produced that highlight each area's work, and shown to conference attendees.

-In February 2006, NPS staff with experience in national heritage areas in the United States participated in a World Bank-sponsored team reviewing portions of thirteen proposed projects in Gansu Province in northwestern China. Through its *Silk Road Heritage Project*, the World Bank is looking at projects that include development proposals in and around

internationally significant cultural and natural resources, most of which are being included in the pending nomination of the Silk Road as a World Heritage multiple property nomination. Experts Laura Gates, Superintendent, Cane River Creole National Historical Park and Michael Creasey, Superintendent, Lowell National Historical Park brought expertise in the national heritage area strategy and management, cultural resource management, interpretation, and park/protected area operations. To read the Trip Report, visit <http://www.nps.gov/oia/GansuFeb06.pdf>

- **For more information on heritage areas, visit our [website](#).**

-If you have heritage area news to share with the 650+ readers who receive this e-bulletin, please feel free to send it to the editor.

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